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In the Third Court of Appeals, Austin Texas

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QATAR FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, Appellant,

V.

KEN PAXTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND ZACHOR LEGAL INSTITUTE, Appellees.

On appeal from the 200th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas, Trial Court No. D-1-GN-18-006240 The Honorable Karin Crump, Judge Presiding

JOINT UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO FILE RESPONSE BRIEFS

To the Honorable Justices of the Third Court of Appeals:

Come now Appellee Zachor Legal Institute, joined by Appellee Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, and pursuant to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 10.5(b), file this Joint Unopposed Motion to Extend by 30 days their respective deadlines to file response briefs and would show as follows:

1. Appellee Zachor Legal Institute and Appellee Ken Paxton, Attorney General's response briefs were initially due June 10, 2020. Before that deadline, however, on May 20, 2020, the Court *sua sponte* issued a blanket

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order extending briefing deadlines in light of the ransomware attack on the courts of appeals. The new deadline is June 30, 2020.

- 2. Appellee Zachor Legal Institute and Appellee Ken Paxton, Attorney General seek an additional 30 (thirty) days to file their briefs, to and including July 31, 2020.
- 3. This is Appellee Zachor Legal Institute and Appellee Ken Paxton, Attorney General's first request of an extension of the deadline to file their response briefs.
- 4. Appellee Zachor Legal Institute is in the process of retaining additional appellate counsel who will need time to become familiar with the case in order to assist with the appeal.
- 5. Appellee Zachor Legal Institute does not seek this extension for the purpose of delay, but so that it may have additional appellate assistance on this case.
- 6. Appellee Ken Paxton does not wish to have staggered deadlines, which would also affect the reply deadlines.
- 7. Counsel for Appellant has indicated that Appellant does not oppose this motion.

PRAYER

FOR THESE REASONS, Appellee Zachor Legal Institute and Appellee Ken Paxton, Attorney General, respectfully request that the Court grant this motion and extend its deadline to file their response briefs thirty days, from June 30, 2020 to and including July 31, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I exchanged emails with counsel of record for the Appellant and for the Attorney General by email. Counsel for Appellant responded that their client does not oppose this motion. Counsel for the Attorney General indicated that she did not oppose the motion provided we made it for both appellees in order to avoid staggering the response brief deadlines.

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